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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS CHARITY DONATION

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT DALY OF WORLD AIRWAYS HAS CABLED PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND GENERAL IBNU SUTOWO INFORMING THEM OF THE COMPANY'S DONATION OF US\$10,000 TO TWO ORPHANAGES IN SURABAYA. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND ON THIS SUBJECT IN CASE ANY QUESTIONS ARE DIRECTED TO EMBASSY.

2. THIS MORNING AT 0730 HOURS LAURENCE A. SOLETTI, AN ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF WORLD AIRWAYS, PRESENTED TOKEN ENVELOPES, SYMBOLIZING DONATIONS OF US\$5,000 EACH, TO THE DIRECTORS OF MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGES IN SURABAYA. THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY EAST JAVA REGIONAL SECRETARY TRIMARJONO AND THE BISHOP OF SURABAYA, AS WELL AS PRESS, GARUDA AIRLINES AND NAVY OFFICIALS(SINCE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT JUANDA NAVAL AIR STATION). AFTERWARDS THE BULK OF WORLD AIRWAYS PERSONNEL DEPARTED ON THEIR AIRCRAFT. WORLD AIRWAYS HAS SHARED HAJ TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT WITH DUTCH FIRM MARTINAIR, AND CEREMONY HAS GENERATED FAVORABLE LOCAL

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PUBLICITY FOR WORLD AIRWAYS AND FOR OUR COUNTRY.

3. HOWEVER, THE STYLE WITH WHICH WORLD AIRWAYS EFFECTED THE DONATION HAS RUFFLED A FEW LOCAL FEATHERS. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS CONCERNED AT NOT HAVING STAGED THE CEREMONY ITSELF, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE THINKS THE MONEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN CHANNELLED UNDER ITS AUSPICES.

4. THE CONSULATE LEARNED OF THE WORLD AIRWAYS PLAN ON MONDASNAFTERNOON, FEBRUARY3. ORIGINALLY, THE DONATION WAS TO HAVE BEEN \$300 COLLECTED AMONG WORLD AIRWAY PERSONNEL, AND SOME EXCESS SUPPLIES FROM THE HAJ CHARTER. ON TUESDAY MORNING, THE PRESIDENT OD WORLD AIRWAYS CALLED DURING A LOCAL PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE HE WAS MAKING AN ADDITIONAL DONATION OF US\$5,000 OVER THE AMOUNT MENTIONED IN HIS CABLE TO THE AMBASSADOR.

5. THE CONSULATE WAS ONLY INVOLVED ON THE SIDELINES IN THIS PROJECT. I ATTENDED THE CEREMONY ALONG WITH POLITICAL OFFICER ZINGSHEIM, WITH SOME MISGIVINGS AFTER I LEARNED THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED FROM THE OUTSET. ON BALANCE IT SEEMED TO ME THAT BECAUSE OF THE TIGHT TIMING OF THE WORLD AIRWAYS DEPARTURE, IT WAS BEST TO GO THROUGH WITH THE CEREMONY NOW SO THAT THE CHILDREN WOULD GET THE MAXIMUM BENEFITS. BOTH ORPHANAGES SEEM TO BE SOLID INSTITUTIONS; ONE IS UNDER THE BISHOP, THE OTHER RUN BY MOHAMADIYAH.

6. I HAVE ASKED FOR APPOINTMENTS WITH REGIONAL SECRETARY TRIMARJONO ANIU THE CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WILL EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS DONATION TO THEM, INCLUDING THE MARGINAL INVOLVEMENT OF THE CONSULATE.  
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